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Robert Land Academy The Loyalist

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Board Chair

The Academy's Annual Inspection and Open House on May 13 was a fabulous event. It was great to see so many community members who really enjoyed seeing the campus and students in action, it was an opportunity to showcase to prospective parents and students what RLA is all about, the students' displays and activities

were very engaging, and, of course, the students all looked great on parade. Annual Inspection is the beginning of the end of the year. It is followed in quick succession by the school's end of year activities such as the RCACC Annual Review, Exams, end of year trips, and graduation.

This year, our June events include the Robert Land Academy Gala Event. This gala dinner is the school's major fundraiser. Last year the gala, with the help of Layne The Auctionista, raised a significant portion of the funds needed to build a new science lab.

I was very happy to see the science lab officially opened at Annual Inspection and to know how many of our parents, alumni, staff and supporters helped make it happen.

I'm looking forward to



this year's gala on Saturday, June 10, 2023. I've already purchased my tickets and I'm hoping to see a great deal of the RLA family there.

The Gala is when we present the John Brant Award to a community leader who exemplifies the values of RLA in their work and life. This year's recipient is Christine Elliott, former Deputy Premier and Minister of Health.

This year's gala, which once again features the dynamic and entertaining



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RLA the perfect addition to life

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Staring at the ceiling in my new room on a hard wooden bed, I reminisced about the warmth of my old bedroom, the comfort of a house and my ever so loving family. I remember coming home from school earlier that week with red writing all over my assignment. I was horrified not because of how it would affect my GPA, but rather how my parents would react to it.

Their reaction was never great, this time their concerns and stress led me hours away to Robert Land Academy (RLA). A military-themed private boarding school. I felt completely alone, as if my family had abandoned the love and care that I so desperately needed. The communication was little to none in the first few months, which didn't seem to help my emotions. I got no calls home until I got promoted to the cadet rank. This was when I began to learn that things are earned, not given.

I felt as if everyone had forgotten about me. I was upset and felt offended that my family had abandoned me. Overtime I adapted to the system and obtained the techniques needed to allow me to live a successful life both academically and in extracurricular activities.

Robert Land Academy has been the perfect addition to my life

every single day for the past year. It is now my second year here at the academy. RLA provides me with a broad range of skills such as making my bed properly, ironing my clothes, polishing my boots, and becoming confident in my own capabilities.

Soon after settling down, I realized I had to put my best efforts towards anything I tackled. Not only did RLA help me in my academics, but it also gave me various opportunities to play an active role in sports as well as volunteering, ultimately earning me a leadership position.

Thanks to the sports activities RLA provides I can now run 5 km in 25 minutes with ease. Earlier this year I participated in an annual Fall Exercise, one of the Top Gems of the RLA program. I had never done anything close to 70 km in three days; in the end it taught me the importance of resilience in life as well being a good team player, which requires cooperation and helping people

who may be struggling as you move forward.

Now, only weeks away from graduating at RLA, I have been presented with an amazing opportunity. I have received more than three offers from universities that I never thought I would be considered for. Despite having marks in the low 70s, I am graduating with high 80s to 90s and now I have offers from prestigious institutions such as uOttawa, Carleton, Ryerson, Waterloo, and UFT. This level of achievement is beyond what I ever imagined for myself, and to top it off, I have been awarded scholarships worth over \$4000. It's something I never believed I could accomplish.

An interesting thing I've realized is that hard work gets easier the more consistent I am. Thus, after a while it stops feeling like work. Perhaps successful people are not born as so but rather worked hard to succeed.



Message from the Headmaster

Embrace the Sunshine, Finish Strong: A Memorable Summer Term at Our Academy

P.D. (Pete) Stock, BSc,
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Acting Headmaster

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As the sun graces our days and the warmth of summer fills the air, we find ourselves at the threshold of an exciting and crucial period at our Military Academy. The summer term brings with it the opportunity to achieve excellence, make lasting memories, and culminate our journey with a resounding success. At this juncture, it is paramount to emphasize the importance of maintaining high standards until the very end. As the acting headmaster, I implore all our students to channel their energy, focus, and dedication toward finishing this academic year with their heads held high.

The world outside these walls awaits their remarkable achievements, and it is our responsibility to equip them with the skills and mindset needed for the challenges that lie ahead.

During this final stretch, we have the privilege of recognizing and celebrating the exceptional efforts of our students. Awards, promotions and acknowledgments await those who have demonstrated commitment, perseverance, and exemplary performance throughout their time at the Academy. This is the time for our students to seize their last chance to secure the recognition they rightfully deserve for their hard work and dedication. Let us embrace this opportunity and encourage one another to strive for greatness.

While we recognize the importance of academic excellence, it is equally crucial for our students

to find balance and rejuvenate themselves amidst the favourable weather. Nature has a way of revitalizing our spirits and sharpening our minds. So, let us not forget to enjoy the outdoors, bask in the sunlight, and breathe in the freshness that surrounds us. Spending time outside can provide the mental and emotional clarity needed to tackle the upcoming exams with confidence and vigour.

As the days grow longer and the temperatures rise, let us cherish the bonds we have forged at the Academy. Friendships that have blossomed and memories that have been woven during our time together will forever hold a special place in our hearts. Make the most of this summer term by engaging in extracurricular activities, participating in sports, and joining clubs that fuel



your passions. These experiences will not only enhance your personal growth but also create cherished memories that will last a lifetime. In closing, students, I urge you to embrace the sunshine, remain steadfast in your pursuit of excellence, and enjoy this final leg of your academic journey. Let us maintain our high standards, support one another, and celebrate the achievements that await us. Together, we will make this summer term an unforgettable chapter in the story of our Academy.

The RLA Gala helps our students continued

Layne The Auctionista, is raising funds for the Founder's Scholarship Fund. We're focusing on the scholarship fund this year in anticipation of many more families needing some financial support for their sons to attend RLA. Building our scholarship fund this year will allow us to help so many more boys reach their full potential in a year

when the cost of living is rising and inflation is at its highest rate ever. The Founder's Scholarship Fund has helped numerous families over the years find the structure and guidance their sons needed to find their success.

Your attendance at the gala or your participation online if you can't attend in person; and your support

through donations and bidding on auction items will allow us to address the emerging need for scholarship funds in the coming year. The gala is just two weeks away. I hope you will purchase your tickets today so you don't miss out on this fun evening that supports the Academy and our students.

A Company Report

The return of May Annual Inspection

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There are many aspects of life at RLA that are difficult. There are many challenges a Recruit faces at the Academy. Watching other Cadets go on leave, taking scoff and having more time to relax and watch TV was difficult. Having to stand behind my chair in the Mess, staring at my meal, waiting for an IC to sit me down, was difficult. Having to go back to remedial drill multiple times and re learn basic drill lessons was difficult. Classes were ok, but having to pass my P.O. run at least once a month, even in January was difficult.

There were many stories from staff and older students about this May Inspection Day. Maj. Stock talked about it in some detail in the Mess Hall. I had heard there was a General that would be coming to inspect our academic lockers, or the ASM would be inspecting us on parade, or we would be making stands for an inspection of sorts. I had no idea that the May Inspection would be showcasing all of the difficult things we do at the Academy, aside from waiting for our meals in the Mess.

On the day of the Inspection, I rushed to L5 to fix up the claw machine we made and put last minute touches on our display to get it ready for the crowds. Unfortunately, due to a lack of last-minute supplies some

of our intended display items were inoperable for the display. However, our solar oven saved the day and made a ton of delicious smores for people that visited our display. We got so good at making smores that we started a donation jar as we noticed some people were returning for more smores. At the end of the day we amassed over seventy-five dollars in donations. Thank you very much!

At slow points during the Inspection, our teacher let us visit other displays. Our first stop was to Lt. Heida's escape room. Despite having the appearance of a difficult and complex escape room, we got a guided tour and learned some of the secrets required to escape the room.

Bublyk's Licks was next on our list. It was a hot day, so the ice cream was a welcomed cool treat. After the delicious ice cream we invaded the new science lab. I thought at one point the ice cream I had just consumed would be coming back up after viewing the multiple dissections that were on display. After checking



multiple slides of bacteria through microscopes and quick chemistry demonstration we bounced off to check out the Gym when we were paged to get ready for parade.

After feverishly changing into scarlets and darting to Ops to pick up my drum, we finished the Inspection with a good parade and everyone feeling exhausted was a sign that a lot of hard work went in to making the day incredibly successful.

This year's May Inspection was one of the most memorable, fun and interesting days I have had in two years at the Academy.

Now is not the time to slow down

Paul Zahra
ASM

Gentlemen,

Excellent job on Annual Inspection, I heard many positive comments from parents, guests, and our Inspecting Officer LTC Douglas Martin about your displays, parade and your overall positive attitude and conduct throughout the day.

Several staff, parents, guests, and a group of old boys spoke to me after the parade and were extremely impressed. The Alumni in attendance commented on watching

you on parade, and how it brought them back to when they were on parade and how much work went into preparing for big days at the Academy, Gentlemen our unwavering dedication to practices proved to be a remarkable outcome.

We have the Gala coming up on June 10th, I will need a parking crew, escorts, coat check and a work party to help set up. Some cadets will be attending the Gala if your parents are coming. The band and colour party are to perform during the Gala.

Exams and graduation are just around the corner, now is not the time to slow down, you need to put in the same drive and determination to the last day of school and take advantage of what the school has to offer to reach for that next goal.

To the boys coming back next year, talk to your CSM's and ask about various positions in the barracks and around the Academy. We are looking now for our leaders next year. If you are interested in being an NCO next year, talk to Company staff or talk to me in the morning when I walk



through your barracks. We can give you advice on what you need to do to become an NCO. We will be picking ten boys to help with the recruit course in September if you are interested, talk to your Company Commander.

Clubs Report

To new beginnings thanks to new experiences

2LT John Ahlstedt
Training Officer

This past month has brought a start to two brand new clubs. The first being Golf Simulator, and the second being Cricket. Both have had intriguing interest with the boys and the numbers have only been increasing the more they play.

A goal of mine next year is to develop a golf team. Best way to train during the winter times is the use of a golf simulator. We used the resources we had to build a SAFE structure and a projector screen to build our own in Ivey Hall. With a parent loaning us his simulator we learned how this will work and

we ironed out all the kinks needed so next year we will hit the ground running and hopefully develop a Robert Land golf squad.

Cricket has seen nothing but excitement and smiles. With two staff drawing in the students with their enthusiasm for the game, the boys have seem willing and eager



to learn. Numbers have increased from four boys to close to fifteen boys playing the game and giving it all they got. They walk out Ivey hall after talking about the game and the strategies used. It's always promising when the boys learn something new and enjoy it.

Just imagine if they learn a sport or activity and they want to continue it at home as a hobby or more. Wouldn't that be amazing. We want to open doors for these boys to every avenue possible, so they can see what they like and give them an activity to help them remain healthy and active.

Taking life philosophically

Dr. David Harley

Taking Life
Philosophically

With the increasing focus on mental health issues as a response to the growing need for emotional support, taking things philosophically has taken on new meaning. The movement towards incorporating philosophy into formal therapeutic counselling could be said to have started with Cognitive Behavioural Therapy or CBT. The closer examination of behaviour versus outcome and the realignment of the former is in keeping with the Greek philosophical dictum of know thyself. Philosophical counselling is therefore reducible to imparting 'wisdom' where wisdom consists of useful knowledge in dealing with the challenges and obstacles of life based upon the experience of others and oneself. Looked at in this manner, perhaps philosophy is inherently therapeutic, and therapies are inherently philosophical.

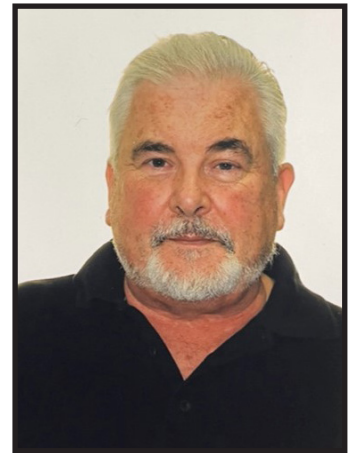
Language, as analytical philosophy has taught us, can be systematically misleading and it is often the case that an analysis of the words we use can in itself clarify the nature of the problem and direction of the discussion. Words such as 'therapy' have

certain associations with health care professionals. However, a closer examination of the meaning and application of this word indicate that those associations obscure rather than clarify the term. If one substitutes the phrase 'helpful advice' there is no loss in meaning and suddenly all manner of human interactions can be viewed through a 'therapeutic' lens. Helpful advice can be divided into two aspects which reduce to 'cope' or 'cure' or combinations thereof. Ideally, we would like to be able to 'cure' or 'fix' a problem. However, this is not always possible in which case the focus becomes on coping with a situation or problem. A new offshoot of CBT called DBT or Dialectical Behavioural Therapy places considerable stress on endurance of suffering as opposed to a belief that it can be eliminated. To this end, it employs such techniques as meditation and mindfulness as coping strategies — strategies that are far from recent inventions. Suffering in one form or another has been a constant in human existence and enduring it in the interests of survival its ultimate objective.

There is little doubt that the need for self-counselling and receiving helpful advice from

others are also as old as the species itself. From crouching in caves while listening to cracks of lightening and booms of thunder, to the roar of animals to the modern anxiety of having our latest Iphone hacked, human emotions have remained unchanged even though the sources of their stimulation may have. Emotional coping and self-regulation have always been primary aspects of what it is to be human. There is also little doubt that while our primary emotions are fixed, their permanence is a testament to their ultimate survival value, and little is retained by nature that does not contribute to that end. Anxiety is as useful and healthy an emotion as is the sensation of pain. However, it is ultimately a question of what responses and behaviours are elicited by them that determines their usefulness.

The current fashion of speaking of mental health as well as physical health have placed both aspects of human existence under the authority of health care professionals. I would suggest however that of all aspects of dealing with 'health,' mental health including psychiatry and psychology are the most primitive and correspondingly



the most pretentious. Having originated within philosophy before being launched as 'scientific,' they have acquired a simplicity of understanding at the expense of ignoring the underlying assumptions that have made these reductions possible. The practices of psychiatry even a few years past is now seen as primitive and absurd. The current use of some drugs may at some future date seem as absurd as electric shock therapy and ice baths. Neurology when it is honest, shows that the complexity of the human brain is not like a computer, indeed a computer is a weak reflection of the human brain.

Sigmund Freud acknowledged almost a century ago the problematic aspects of defining sanity and it is a current irony that statistical normalcy constitutes a small

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Taking life philosophically continued

percentage of the population. Mental health is currently oriented around the lens of 'dysfunctions' which is to say the lack of ability to adapt successfully to a specific environment or context. From a purely Darwinian perspective, this reduces to the ability to survive. However, unlike Darwin, this is a perspective based solely upon individual survival rather than that of the species. Successful adaptation is ultimately dependent upon predictability and stability. Within a natural environment and barring natural disasters such as comets and climate change, there is a certain inherent stability. Within specific social environments however, such stability is short lived and does not provide such a comparatively stable background.

As such, the ability to successfully adapt to circumstances is time and place specific as are the values and beliefs that support those behaviours. Behaviours leading towards successful survival being therefore specific to context render them incapable of universalization as norms. Inherent in this analysis is the spectre of cultural relativism which is tantamount to the assertion that right and wrong are a question

of mutual consent and agreement. If at a certain time in a certain place there are shared values, beliefs, and customs, then clearly that society will consider compliance to be the right thing to do and noncompliance to be the wrong thing to do. A universal code may have an aspirational reality but as of now little practical reality. The only universal constant that may be identified with confidence within the immediate present is the ability to accommodate changed circumstances with changed behaviours. Adaptability implies an acknowledgement of the world as it is independent of our wishes and the ability to rationally adjust in the present to imminent change rather than to depend upon the stored wisdom of instinct.

But what of successful adaptation within a social circumstance that is itself unsustainable? It is clearly possible to successfully adapt within a context that is itself not ultimately sustainable. I would call this an example of micro-adaptability. The issue of ultimate adaptability could therefore be referred to as macro-adaptability. The relation between the two falls within the realm of philosophical inquiry and brings to light also the aspirational quality of existence. The difference

between adapting to things as they are and the alternative realm of adapting to things as they ultimately could or should be, allows for successful adaptation in the one realm despite being excluded from the other with the reverse being equally true. Ideally of course, the two would not be mutually exclusive.

From the point of view of mental health, such a distinction is important though it is not immediately obvious that this is so. Much of human distress results from a reluctance to see things as they are as opposed to things as they should be both at an individual as well as a collective level. This dialectic in an integral part of human existence representing almost equally both strength and vulnerability. Given the ongoing conflict inherent in human existence, the mental health model of 'curing' diseases is not as applicable as it is to physical health in that the majority of life's problems are subject not so much to solutions to remove them as they are to the adaptation of coping strategies to teach us to tolerate them. It is true that we as individuals can make things worse, but many situations are not resolvable in terms of making the problems or issues go away. There are

many occasions where it is clear that whereas we cannot make things better, we most certainly can make things worse. There is inherent in the expression of taking things philosophically a kind of resignation to forces greater than us to control or direct.

Looking at the big picture can become the means of putting the little picture into perspective. The philosopher Bertrand Russell referred to this as The Doctrine of Cosmic Piety. Whenever depressed and overwhelmed he would consider himself as a small speck on a small planet in a vast universe. His personal problems paled in comparison and became insignificant. Seen in this way, perhaps self-absorption is the greatest enemy of happiness, and it could be argued that it is equally the most serious pandemic of the 21st century. The cult of individualism and freedom of expression that characterized Western civilization has given way to the pursuit of selfishness. Selfishness is a prison of its own manufacture and unhappiness its offspring.



THE ROBERT LAND ACADEMY

Gala

Saturday June 10, 2023

Helping young men find success.



In it's more than 40-year history, Robert Land Academy has helped many young men find success; accomplish things they never thought possible; develop confidence, accountability and leadership skills; and reach their potential.

The Robert Land Academy Gala is an opportunity to celebrate the Academy and enjoy a fun event. It is also an opportunity to help the Academy so that we can support more young men as they find success.



Helping the Academy.

Your support of the RLA Gala Event benefits our students, both current and in the future, through the Founder's Scholarship Fund.

Please attend the event if you can. Saturday June 10 at the school.

If you cannot attend in person, please register to participate in the event through an online livestream.

If you cannot take part in the live event, please consider a donation to the Founder's Scholarship Fund.

Visit trellis.org/rlagala for tickets, donations and information

Stay out of the ER when working outside

MWO Chris Kivell
Health & Safety Committee

Amid all the green lawns and manicured gardens of summer lies a grim statistic: Every year, while mowing the grass, cutting a branch, or power washing a deck, at least 100 people die and an estimated 143,000 are injured badly enough to require a trip to the emergency room.

The injuries people suffer run the gamut from overexertion and dehydration to cuts and amputations from using all kinds of power equipment. It's also worth noting that we also came across a disturbing number of injuries associated with a common piece of equipment that doesn't have a motor at all: ladders. Falls from ladders cause more injuries than all the power equipment in our research combined, resulting in broken backs, ankles, legs, and hips.

But using power equipment can cause far worse accidents. When working in the yard turns deadly, it can be due to carbon monoxide poisoning from a gas-powered engine running in an enclosed space, for example, or people getting trapped under large equipment, like a riding lawn mower.

And it's not just the person doing the yard work who's at risk. Bystanders also get hurt, such as children who have been killed or injured when playing near a mower or other outdoor power gear.

Lawn Mowers

A lot of things can go wrong when you're using a mower, considering its motor can spin a sharp blade faster than 200 miles per hour. That blade can fling a projectile like a rock or dog toy as far as 100 feet. But a mower's blade can cause injuries without the machine even being on: About 20 percent of people who get hurt cut themselves, mostly on their fingers or hands while changing or sharpening the mower blade or removing something stuck in it.

When a walk-behind or riding mower is in use, the injuries can be considerably more gruesome. Those sharp, spinning blades can amputate a finger, toe, or



even a foot when someone slips under the mower, as happened to 3 percent of the more than 85,000 people injured by mowers. Some of those were small children. When you're working in your yard, you should always be aware of your surroundings, especially if any children or bystanders are nearby. This is especially important when using loud equipment like a lawn mower because you can't hear someone approaching.

String Trimmers and Power Clippers

When you need to neaten up the edges of your lawn, a string trimmer is the best tool for the job. But with its super-fast rotation, the string in a string trimmer can easily cut through your skin or send debris flying, hitting you or someone nearby. No wonder, then, that these and other power clippers cause their fair share of yard work injuries. Though string trimmers and clippers typically cause lacerations, power clippers have been the cause of finger amputations.

Pressure Washer

May not have a blade, but that's no comfort: This is a machine that concentrates water into a stream with 30 to 80 times the force of water from a garden hose, allowing it to slice through any number of materials. You can easily etch a deep groove in a wood deck with that kind of pressure, and your fleshy limbs and digits don't stand a chance. Lacerations to the hands and fingers are the most common injury, followed by strains and bruises.

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Credible Character: The resilience of staying power

Captain
Andrew Guy
Athletic Director

THE CREDIBILITY OF CHARACTER IS THE RESILIENCE THAT DETERMINES STAYING POWER! Every athlete dreams of being crowned champion of their chosen sport; likewise, the same can be said that every human has an innate desire to achieve some form of recognition for completing a feat that only few dares to attempt. Regardless of the quest we seek to accomplish, the principle of completion holds truth. "You get nothing for starting, but the glory of a champion is discovered at the end the moment s/he crosses the finish line. Consequently, everyone is recognized for starting, but champions are remembered for finishing what they started.

How about you, has there ever been a time when you fell short of completing something you started?

It happens to us all. The feeling of incompleteness haunts many whose dream never materialized to the status of a champion. It is crucial that we do not allow setbacks or failed attempts to deter us from pursuing lofty goals that may appear far-fetched. As an athletic coach, mentor and public speaker, I have always encouraged students to dream bigger than the goal they aspire to achieve, because the life of the dreamer will change instantly the moment the dream becomes a reality.

The principle of growth is one that compels humanity to expand, dream bigger, go farther, stretch wider, dive deeper, and to think longer about the possibilities of what it means to cross the finish line. Although there's much to be said about starting, for it simply offers an opportunity to participate; however, finishing implies commitment, tenacity, hope, and a resolute to see something through from

start to finish.

It is common knowledge that everyone craves the excitement of winning, however, only a few survive the challenges to overcome the hurdles, endure the mental anguish to persevere to the end. Champions are not born; they are created and transformed through the crucibles of time that only a few are able to withstand. Everyone has the ability to start something that leads to somewhere we have never been, but only a few will develop the attitude of "stick-to-with-it-ness" to complete the journey. In the end, credible character is the substance of champions and the resilience of staying power.

Remember, "YOU GET NOTHING FOR STARTING, BUT THE GLORY OF PARTICIPATING IS REWARDED AT THE FINISH LINE WHERE CHAMPIONS ARE CROWNED." It is also vital that you never disregard



the journey between the start and the finish line. I call this segment the "dark moments of growth and solo development" where no one sees your hard work, no one cares how many times you fell. In the dark moments you are by yourself. There are no lights, no cameras, just blood, sweat, and committed action. This is the stuff that gets you to the finish line, and only those who make it to the end can attest to the worthiness of the process of development that makes champions. For who we become is far more valuable than the crown we achieve.

Stay out of the ER when working outside

Generators

A portable generator produces power if your electricity goes out in a storm, but it also produces deadly carbon monoxide (CO)—the top cause of generator-related deaths. Take the case of three Wisconsin friends, ages 23 to 30, who died in a home from carbon monoxide poisoning in 2017 after using a generator indoors to power their electricity.

Chain Saws

There's a reason chain saws are featured in horror movies—they can inflict horrific damage. You can easily cut yourself with the sharp motorized blades while cutting errant tree branches. In fact, more than 40 percent of serious injuries from chain saws are lacerations, mostly to the arms and legs. Finger amputations account for 6 percent of hospital admissions. - Leave these to the experts...

Stay safe out there.

The Commanding Officer, Officers and Cadets of 2968 RCACC cordially invite you to attend

43rd Annual Cadet Review



Reviewing Officer
Lieutenant Colonel Scott Moody, CD

Ceremony includes corps redesignation to 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion

Saturday June 3, 2023

Demonstrations/Displays/: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Parade @ 11:30 a.m. Please be seated by 11:15 a.m

Cadet signout with parents after parade



Dress: 1A (dress uniform with medals)
Civilian dress: smart casual

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Greetings from the Family Guild

Lisa Thompson
Family Guild Chair

The Academy recently hosted its' annual open house where we experienced a multitude of interactive displays that engaged and captivated guests of all ages. From the intense strategizing at the chess club to the adrenaline-pumping boxing demonstrations, there was something for everyone. The rappel tower allowed adventurous souls to experience the thrill of descending from great heights, while the grand opening of the science lab

showcased the academy's commitment to fostering scientific curiosity and discovery.

The event was incredibly well-attended, with students, parents, and community members arriving for the event. This allowed everyone to mingle, chat, and share in the excitement as they explored the various exhibits, all over campus. The vibrant atmosphere, engaging displays, and enthusiastic participation showcased the Academy's commitment to providing a well-rounded education. The parade and inspec-

tion as always a favorite, for many.

As the academic year draws to a close, the annual inspection and open house marked the beginning of the homestretch. It served as a reminder of the remarkable achievements and growth experienced throughout the academic year. However, the excitement does not end there. The anticipation for the upcoming gala and closing ceremonies, scheduled for the end of June, are already in sight. These culminating events promise to celebrate the hard work and dedication



of both students and staff, creating a memorable finale to an exceptional year.

Supporting The Academy

Why do we fund raise? Robert Land Academy is a not-for-profit organization. We receive no government funding, although we are inspected by the Ministry of Education. Our tuition fees cover operating costs only so special or extra programming, capital improvements and the Founder's Scholarship Fund are funded solely through donations from supporters like you.

RLA is currently raising funds to build the Founder's Scholarship Fund so we can help more boys find success.

All support, by attending events or donating directly to the school, is warmly appreciated and allows us to help our students reach their full potential in all areas of their lives.

Please visit

www.GiveToRLA.ca

for more information or to make a donation to the school.

Please contact Advancement Officer Sarah Whitaker for more information on donating securities; leaving a gift in your will; donations of in kind, such as materials or labour; and donor recognition.

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